Construction of bridges, overbridges and Railway crossings in N.E. States

6797. SHRIMATI BASANTI SARMA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the North Eastern States from which proposals for constructing bridges, overbridges, railway crossings have been received alongwith location thereof since July 1991 till date yearwise;

(b) whether the railways propose to construct over bridges at railway crossings which are important as well as crowded;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the time schedule fixed for construction of these projects?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) Nil.

(b) to (d) The system of replacing a busy level crossing by a Road over/ under bridge is that the State Governments propose the works giving priorities. The Railways then examine the cases and include such of them in the Works Programme for which the various pre-requisite formalities have been completed by the State Governments. The Railways while including the works in the Works Programme also take into account the quantum of existing sanctioned works for that particular State and the pace at which these works are being executed by the State Government.

Development of Railway Station in North Eastern Region

6798. SHRIMATI BASANTI SARMA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to develop more railway stations in the North Eastern Region; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Works pertaining to the improvements of station buildings at Lower Haflong & Ledo; improvement/ provision of water supply arrangements at Digaru, Maibang, Gogamukh, Tinsukia, Bhojo, Simaluguri, Namrup, Mariani, Ledo, Furkating, Makum, Naharkatiya, Gohpur, Barpeta Raod, Murkeong Selek, Vishwanath Charali, Sorbhog, Badarpur, Lower Haflong, Lumding, Churalbari & Guwahati, extension/provision of platform shelter at Rangiya, Kokrajhar, Barpeta Road, Nalbari, Tongla, Udalguri, Silapather, Gosalgaon Hat, North Lakhimpur, Gogamukh, Karimganj, Baihata, Dhemaji, Murkeong Selek, Mahur & Basugaon; improvement to platforms at Guwahati, Lumding, Lower Haflong & Dhubri; improvement to circulating area at Guwahati & Tinsukia; provision/ extension of foot-over-bridge at Simaluguri, Dibrugarh Town & Barpeta Road and general improvements at Guwahati, Lumding, Fakirgram & Badarpur have been taken up at a cost of Rs. 300.08 lakh.

Trains running without guard brake van and last in vehicle indicator

6799. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that fixing of last in vehicle indicator to Box and N. Box stock by clamp was invented only in 1986;

(b) details of trains that were run without Guard brake van and last in vehicle indicator against provision of GR. 4.23 and SR 4.23 from 1978 to 1985 and from 1986 to 1993 year wise;

(c) what action was taken against officials for violating safety instructions as stated above with details thereof; and

(d) how many trains arrived and left Shahdol during Feb.. 1993 without brake